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25. In view of the vital importance of national integration, it was agreed that this should be dealt with on a national plan. For this purpose, a larger conference should be convened consisting of, besides Chief Ministers and Central Ministers, leading members of different parties in Parliament and other eminent personalities including educationists, scientists and professional men.

APPENDIX II.

[Vide answer to clause (*a*) of Starred Question No. 1539 asked by Sri T. S. Ramaswami at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 31st August 1961, page 429 supra.]

Clause (*a*).—The reasons for the increase of rent of the offices under the heads of departments mentioned below are noted against each :—

(1) *Director of Public Instruction.*—Mainly due to opening of Government institutions, such as Basic Schools and Basic Training Schools and formation of new ranges of Deputy Inspector of Schools, which are located in private buildings, as public buildings are not generally available. Enhancement in the rate of rent paid to private buildings on account of improvement made to the buildings, electrification and major repairs to buildings are also the reasons for payment of increased rent.

(2) *Director of Agriculture.*—The number of heads of offices who rented private buildings for accommodation of their offices and their subordinates progressively increased as follows :—

1955	26 Heads of offices.
1956	35 Heads of offices.
1957	49 Heads of offices.
1958	61 Heads of offices.

The activities of the department expanded during the period of Second Five-Year Plan and many new offices were opened for the location of which no Government buildings were available. The strength of staff in certain offices was also increased and additional accommodation had to be provided. Therefore private buildings had to be taken on lease. Due to increased cost of construction, the rent for buildings is also increasing.

(3) *Director of Medical Services.*—Opening of new primary health centres which are accommodated in private buildings taken on lease in places where Government buildings are not available.

(4) *Chief Conservator of Forests.*—The office of the Chief Conservator of Forests and the other subordinate offices in the City of Madras which were located in the buildings of the Board of Revenue at Chepauk since November 1953 are located from 1957 in a private building at No. 136, Peters Road, Royapettah on a rent of Rs. 2,142.50 per mensem and also some new divisional offices had been opened after the Reorganisation of the State.

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(5) *Director of Animal Husbandry.*—Opening of more number of new Veterinary Institutions, Key Village Centres and Artificial Insemination Centres year after year.

The addition of Kanyakumari district to this State from the 1st November 1956.

Location of the office of the Director of Animal Husbandry, Madras, in a rented building on a monthly rent of Rs. 800 per mensem from the 3rd January 1957 till which date it was in Government building.

(6) *Registrar of Co-operative Societies.*—The newly formed offices of the Special Deputy Registrars (Credit and Marketing) had to be housed in private buildings for want of public buildings.

The office of the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Nilgiris, which was located in Government building was shifted to private building in order to provide accommodation to the Arts College, Ootacamund.

The rent due to the building occupied by the office of the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Ramanathapuram, for the whole of the year 1956–57 could not be paid due to some litigation among the legal heirs. The arrears were drawn and paid during 1957–58.

The Co-operative Sub-Registrars for Land Mortgage Banks in the State, were permitted to house their offices in separate buildings on a rent not exceeding Rs. 10 per mensem each.

The formation of the office of the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Nagercoil, and its location in a private building also contributed to the increase in the expenditure on rent.

There were also certain payment of arrears of rent during the year, which increased the total expenditure on rent.

APPENDIX III.

[Vide answer to Starred Question No. 1543, asked by Sri T. K. Subbiah, at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 31st August 1961, page 430 supra.]

(*a*) The attention of the hon. member is invited to the statement enclosed.

(*b*) 1st August to 15th December subject to availability of surplus flows in Cauvery.

(*c*) The project division is now looking after water regulation and other details. The question of appointing regular and permanent staff including irrigation conservancy subordinates and lascars will be taken up in due course and when the project division is closed.

(*d*) The expenditure on the project is expected to be Rs. 206 lakhs.

(*e*) 9,547 tons of rice.